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Driving home a message



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Hannah Carver, a grade 12 Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School student is treated by Fort Erie Fire Department station no. 4 volunteer Taylor Beam, at a mock accident on Wednesday. Go to pages 6 and 8 for more coverage.

A shining light

Point Abino Lighthouse restoration still moving ahead, buyer found for keeper's dwelling

Kris Dubé
The Times

The Point Abino Lighthouse has many more years in its horizon, following a decision made by council on Monday night.

A restoration project of the historic lightstation that came in \$279,439 under budget, after the Town of Fort Erie called for tenders last month will move ahead.

It was also brought to council's attention that the lighthouse keeper's dwelling will be purchased by an individual for \$450,000, after an hour-long closed session.

This leaves a \$371,000 shortfall for the Town, paid from the facilities reserve fund and will create a 1.8 per cent tax increase on the general levy in 2012.

The project is also being funded by a \$425,000 federal grant.

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Councillors want to protect heritage assets

From Page 1

Before it was known a buyer of the keeper's dwelling was on the table, a staff report warned council that moving ahead with the project would create a financial burden for the municipality.

Ward 2 Coun. Rick Shular, was not pleased that it appeared the majority of his fellow councillors would be voting in favour of the restoration, with a price tag of \$1.33 million.

"As chair of finance, I have some great reservations," said Shular, in his seventh year on council.

He cited a number of expenses the Town will be

and could potentially be faced with over the next year, such as litigation the Town is facing with the Bay Beach issue and an Ontario Municipal Board hearing over the Canadian Motor Speedway.

He suggested an intense fundraising initiative should be undertaken by the Point Abino Lightstation Preservation Society (PALPS) to offset the \$371,000 that will become the burden of taxpayers, if the facilities reserve fund is not replenished.

"Santa Claus only comes once a year...he's about my size and I do have a red suit, but I don't have that type of money," said Shular.

Ward 3 Coun. Bob Steckley voted in favour of moving ahead with the project in late March, when the keeper's dwelling was still on the market and the shortfall would have been much greater.

Now, with the numbers being even less, he continues to support the restoration.

He feels maintaining important cultural and heritage aspects of Greater Fort Erie is crucial for the municipality's identity, the main reason he voted in support of the project.

"It's a heritage asset and it means something to a lot of people in this town," said Steckley.

He understands there are

other things that need financial attention, but said there is no reason to cast something like the lighthouse off into the lake.

"That doesn't mean you stop looking at other assets you have," he said.

Paul Collard, Ward 6 Coun., agreed with Shular that it will be a challenge to replenish the reserve fund, but voted in favour of the restoration anyway and feels it will be council's job to find away to identify a source of funding.

"That's what we're here for...that's what we're going to do," said Collard, who also concurred with Steckley, that the lighthouse is an important part of local histo-

ry. "It's something Fort Erie is known for," he said.

Ward 4 Coun. John Hill also agreed that maintaining heritage assets is important, after admitting it was "not an easy decision" moving ahead with the restoration.

He also said local politicians of the past, not just the previous council, should have sunk more money into the facility.

"They had opportunities to invest into this piece of heritage," said Hill.

Mayor Doug Martin didn't like Hill bringing up the work of previous councils.

"They had their priorities as well and they made decisions, best for the interest of

the Town of Fort Erie," said Martin.

The mayor said it was a difficult, but not quite affordable move to make by council, but said this could be the best deal seen so far, especially since there is a buyer for the keeper's dwelling.

He later moved that the Town should seek additional funds from the federal government to help offset the outstanding \$371,000.

The Town of Fort Erie purchased the Point Abino Lighthouse from the Canadian Coast Guard in 2002. Since then, scheduled tours have taken place in the summer months, the only time residents are able to see the lighthouse in its entirety.




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Redekop seeking NDP nomination before provincial election

Kris Dubé
The Times

Wayne Redekop is hoping to make a triumphant return into the political arena.

On Wednesday night, at the Italo-Canadian Club on Diptero Street, the former mayor verified suggestions he is seeking the New Democratic Party (NDP) nomination for the upcoming October provincial election, in the riding that encompasses Fort Erie, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Niagara Falls.

If he is successful as the party's candidate, when chosen next month, he will go up against Liberal incumbent Kim Craitor and Conservative candidate George Lepp.

"This will be no ordinary provincial election," said Redekop, in front of supporters and family.

He feels the results will

determine how the government plans to respond to challenges the province faces with communities, families and individuals.

"Will the agenda of the next provincial government include measures that make life affordable for families and individuals that invest in health care and education, protect our environment and ensure that today's debt does not burden future generations?" he asked.

Redekop served as the mayor of Fort Erie from 1997 to 2006, when he took a break from politics.

He is a partner of the Jones, Jamieson and Redekop law firm, where he has been practicing out of since 1977.

If elected the Niagara Falls member of provincial parliament, it would require more travel than when he was mayor. Therefore, he said it is tough to determine



Wayne Redekop

whether he would continue practicing law if successful getting the NDP nomination and eventually winning the election. There are many cases he is working on currently, which he wouldn't want to abandon...but when the time comes, he will make that decision.

"We'll see what happens when we get there," said Redekop.

"It certainly wouldn't be full time," he added.

“We need to get back to basics with health and hospital care.”

— Wayne Redekop

He admitted it was a tough decision to make this

latest leap, but with the support of his wife Cathy and three daughters, it was something he had to do. Always having the urge to represent the community he served as mayor in for nine years, it's been even more difficult dealing with the want to play a role, again.

"It's tough, continuing to resist it," he said.

One of the primary focuses of his campaign, will be the state of health care in

Niagara, judging by the speech he gave to everyone in attendance on Wednesday.

"We need to get back to basics with health and hospital care. There should be fewer administrators and more front line health providers," said Redekop.

Other areas he feels need to be addressed are electricity rates paid by Niagara residents, agriculture, natural heritage, education and government transparency.



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80 years of service



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Recently, the Douglas Memorial Hospital Ladies Auxiliary celebrated its 80th year of service to the local community. Seen here at the truck stop are Betty Hume, left, Mary Ann Ruske, Rosemary Letwin, Helen Eggleton and Pat McLennan.

Community Living Month



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On Tuesday, clients and staff of Community Living Fort Erie held a "March for Inclusion" through the downtown Bridgeburg area, promoting what the agency does. Earlier this month, a flag was raised at Town Hall, dedicating May as Community Living Month in Fort Erie.



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Finances being reviewed

The campaign expenses of three local councillors will be put under a microscope on June 6, in a review to be done by the Niagara Audit Compliance Committee.

The date was set this Tuesday, when members of the committee were established in a meeting at Town Hall.

When the Times covered this issue last week, Town Clerk Carolyn Kett was unable to disclose who filed complaints and who they were directed at. This is now public information.

Ward 4 Coun. John Hill's statements are being questioned by Marina Butler, a local businesswoman.

Martha Lockwood, who was defeated by current Ward 5 representative Don Lubbers, has filed a complaint over his finances.

Ward 6 Coun. Paul Collard is having his books looked into, following a complaint from Larry Graber, who ran against Collard in the October election. The Times will have more on this matter as it unfolds.

Town getting less from OLG

Mayor Doug Martin is concerned about the Town of Fort Erie receiving almost \$50,000 less a year from the Ontario Lottery and Gaming (OLG) Corporation.

He has been told it is due to an accounting procedure change at the OLG.

Fort Erie is one of 21 municipalities in the province who hosts slots facilities and will be impacted by the


change.

"It's a significant hit," said Martin.

Martin has been in correspondence with representatives from other areas, who agree forming a joint-resolution to oppose this decision should be the next step.

"We'll be challenging the OLG on this," he said.

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our editorial

A weekly paper with a daily attitude

If you're eager to read what happened in Fort Erie all week and can't wait until Saturday's Times is delivered to your home, we want to remind you there is an easy solution to your problem.

The Times website has all the up to date information you are looking for, as we try to post stories as soon as we can, in this modern era of technology we live in.

We do wait until Saturday or Sunday on some occasions to put up stories, after the print issue has already hit every home in Greater Fort Erie, basically because we don't want everyone to say "I've already read this" when they

glance over every page.

We are a weekly paper, but online we must have a daily attitude.

All the breaking stories that come from the council chambers or through other channels in this great town we live in are up to the web during the week, so don't hesitate to click on what we're up to before Saturday arrives.

We also have a Facebook fan page, that surpassed 1,000 members this week.

-Kris Dubé



Do You Remember?

What a great story we received about the young people in last week's photo taken at Ridgeway Crystal Beach High School in 1981. Bev and Sharon Jewson collaborated to tell us about this student production of 'Godspell.' At first, they staged no support for the \$1,000 fees involved in renting the musical, so they formed the Fort Erie Theatre

Group Association and approached the Fort Erie Lions Club for a loan which they received. With no adults involved, they successfully put on the play at the high school and the Lions Club and were able to repay the loan from the ticket sales. Bravo! From left to right are Jenny Stobart, Jan Van Helvert, Sandra Hagan (kneeling), Kim Bolton,

Sharon Jewson and Scott Bolton.

This week's photo shows athletes running in a field. If you know anyone in the photo, the event itself or where it was taken please call the Museum at (905) 894-5322, drop by, or send an email to museum@forterietimes.com. We are now open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 402 Ridgeway Rd.

Students shouldn't take message lightly



Kris Dubé
Editor's Notebook

I can't begin to explain how perfect of an event the mock crash at Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School is, but I will try.

Since I've been employed at the Times for the last four years, I never miss the opportunity to take in the annual

demonstration. It's almost to the point where if I was on vacation for the week, I'd probably still attend if I had the time.

The students, teachers, members of the Niagara Regional Police (NRP), Fort Erie Fire Department (FEFD) and Niagara Emergency Medical Services who participate... they deserve a pat on the back, to say the absolute least.

It isn't a question I asked at the event, but if the students who play the key roles in the excruciat-

ingly emotional demonstration aren't in the high school's drama program... they should be.

Brittany Johnston, who played the role of a female high school student who was responsible for her brother's death, gave an absolutely stellar performance.

Actually, it was bone chilling.

If the message wasn't received by students about the potential risks of impaired driving, I don't know what will.

Take it from me, I was on the board of directors

of the planning committee when it came to organizing a prom party, way back in the year 2000.

I can relate is what I'm saying.

It's supposed to be a memorable night and do what you have to do, to have a good time.

But keep in mind how important it is you make it home to talk about it the next day.

Drinking and driving is nothing to joke about, even though Wednesday morning was an excuse to get out of class.

Listen to the message

that was directed to you.

Do you really think top officials from the FEFD and the NRP would take the time out of their busy schedules to be on scene at the event for nothing?

They were there because they have seen tragedy too many times and certainly wish it wasn't a part of their jobs.

Leave your car parked in front of a fire hydrant and pay the ticket a few days later if you have to, but don't put your own life, or anyone else's at risk.

I've said before that

I've grown tired of writing about the Bay Beach in recent weeks, but I'd rather write 30 more stories about the controversial issue, if I didn't have to write about a local teenager making a fatally wrong decision on prom night.

Please, don't do it guys and girls.

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opinion page

Reader says 'complainers' are the minority

Dear Editor,

I am very concerned about the tone of some recent letters to the editor in regard to the new councillors in Fort Erie and their handling of the Bay Beach issue, in particular.

I think these correspondents are suffering from sour grapes, after all these councillors were elected by a majority in their wards on this issue, so these complainers are in the minority.

I also do not understand the reasoning for

Mr. Koutroulakis' letter.

Does he think the councillors should all be discussing ditches and sewers?

And to what purpose? These complainers have not addressed the real cause of the polarization on council and that is Mayor Martin.

He is the one who should resign. He pushed the Bay Beach Project through in the last council despite huge opposition and now we have this massive divide. The mayor was only returned to office by a handful of votes, nearly half the

town does not want him as their mayor and he has not made any effort to be conciliatory to these elected councillors and in fact treats them with disdain.

He also does this to people he disagrees with when they make presentations to council. Its time to leave Mayor Martin, you ruled the last council but you won't be able to this time. Your time has been and gone!

Peter Bondsfield
Ridgeway

The TIMES Asks

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Breanna Hummel

"Playing baseball. It's a great time."



Christian Gifford

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Millissa Taylor

"Beach volleyball. It's a great way to spend the day outside."



Meagan Roth

Soccer. It's my favourite sport and I like being outside and running."

What do you think?

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Yellow Shirt Brigade keeping up the health care fight

Dear Editor,

Dr. Kundi of Welland spoke out about the health care system in Niagara recently, and used a great analogy, "you can't cut the heart out of a patient and expect that patient to survive."

You only have to look at the situation in Niagara and the demise of health care as it is happening. Fort Erie and Port Colborne hospitals have been reduced to holding

centres for long term care patients waiting for placement or, often patients with highly communicable illnesses such as MRSA.

We are lucky enough that we have a good palliative care group made up of truly dedicated people who are trained and willing to sit with dying patients, when relatives live too far away to be there as often as they would be in their own community, and cannot make it to the hospital in

time for their loved one's last moments.

The Yellow Shirt Brigade has been fighting for the right to have equal accessible health care and to get our hospital back for the people who built and maintained them. We need our emergency departments, not just an urgent care unit.

Dr. Kundi stood up and spoke as a physician, and a concerned citizen, stating that "one loss of life - even in a year-is just too much in this day and age.

It's too much to sacrifice."

At first it was only Fort Erie, Port Colborne and surrounding areas that felt the cuts to services, loss of jobs, and closure, but now the larger hospitals around us feel the knife as the cuts are happening to them. As we all know the NHS worn their way in, and once it starts the death knell sounds.

Amalgamation of hospitals and services may work in larger cities that have several hospitals and

make sense, because they have public transportation on a continuum, however in rural areas such as much of south Niagara that is not the case. There is no public transportation available. If you take the available bus to Niagara Falls or St. Catharines, it's a very limited schedule plus you have to make your way to the hospital via an unfamiliar system and get back in time to catch the ride back home.

This is not feasible for

sick patients, or the elderly.

Reopen the local hospitals to operate and treat the people in the community and build long term facilities that do not require all the services necessary to be a general hospital. Utilize the larger hospitals in St. Catharines that are slated to close or sold as they are already established.

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Kris Duibé
The Times

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Use of seven acres still to be determined, says school's president

Niagara Christian Community of Schools (NCC), is pleased to

announce that it has purchased the seven acres of riverfront property located directly north of the existing campus, previously owned by the Redemptoristine Nuns.

Scott Herron, president of NCC, says "NCC has had a positive relationship with

the Redemptoristine Nuns for many years."

He adds, "we are extremely grateful to this faithful group of nuns, who shared that they had a strong desire for the property to be sold to NCC in their retirement."

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Community of Schools will use the land and buildings that remain to further its mission of educating students to make a positive impact in our world."

Construction crews arrived in early April to begin demolition and renovation of several buildings on the property.

Two buildings, the former chapel and library, will be used by NCC in several capacities.

"We are beginning the process now of determining the best use of the remaining structures," said Herron.

"We are very excited about what the future holds for NCC."

Niagara Christian Community of schools, which sits on over 120 acres in Fort Erie, has seen approximately 3,000 Canadian and international students graduate since its doors opened in 1932. NCC offers Christian education from junior kindergarten through grade 12 as well as full time boarding to students from around the world in its residential dormitories.

Making it happen



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

On Saturday, the second annual "Let's Make it Happen" fundraiser for Dog Guides, in honour of Bob Parker, who passed away last year, took place at the Leisureplex. Seen here are Parker's mother Diane, left, partner Helen, son Stephen, father Bob and his dog Duke, who is now retired.

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Saffi Cote was born with spina bifida, a type of birth defect known as a Neural Tube Defect (NTD). NTD's occur in approximately one in 2000 pregnancies in Canada. From day one she and her family have benefited from the support of the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario.

Wanting to give back to this

great organization last year the family hosted the first annual "Saffi's Walk" in support of the SBHAO. The event received fantastic support from local businesses and community members raising an amazing \$5200.

The 2nd annual "Saffi's Walk" Spirit Wheel Walk and Run in support of the SBHAO will take place Saturday June 11, at 10 a.m., starting at 148 Gorham Road in Ridgeway. Rain or shine, the event will go on.

Once again the goal of the Cote family is to raise awareness about spina bifida and hydrocephalus while raising money for the SBHAO. You won't be able to miss them as they take a walk with Saffi through Ridgeway on the second Saturday in June. To join in on the fun or to make a donation contact Paul or Sonia Cote at psplbndt@syahoo.ca or (905) 884-9502. Donations can also be made online at www.sbhao.on.ca.

June was recently declared spina bifida and hydrocephalus month by the Town of Fort Erie.

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Police Week



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Retirement

Lunches:
Celebrate the career of former FEPL CEO Gord Thomson on June 12 at Bridgewater Country Club. 1 p.m., reservation needs to be booked by June 3, \$40
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Greg Brunton made Linda Bolton, owner of Turtle Club, an offer that if she

wrote a Buffalo Sabres jersey for the day, that he would donate \$200 to put towards our fundraising goal.

If anyone knows Linda, she is a true Toronto Maple Leaf fan.

She was willing to make the sacrifice for such a great cause and counter offered

Greg Brunton, who is a big Buffalo Sabres fan, if he were a Toronto Maple Leaf tattoo on his face and a jersey, that she would match his offer.

The fundraiser is happening on Friday, June 17 at 7 p.m. at the Fort Erie Golf Club.

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This week, the winning team of the West Fort Erie Pool League, from Sneaker's Bar donated its \$500 cash prize to the Crystal Beach Beautification Committee. League treasurer Richard Hoffman, team captain and league vice-president Judy Dixey and Sneaker's owner Gord Malkovic handed a cheque over to Winnie Sawin.

Bricks & Bouquets

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Brick
To the woman in the Black SUV, who ran an obvious red light at the Wal-Mart Thompson Road exit while I had the right of way. You almost hit me. Are you colour blind? You are so lucky I don't have my six-month-old child in the car with me.

Brick
To the person or persons who walk the dogs on upper Jarvis Street and don't pick up after them. You know who you are and don't care if there is a poop and scoop by law. This is happening far too often, please be more considerate to the people who have to cut the grass.

Bouquet
To the students and staff at Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School, the Niagara Regional Police, The Fort Erie Fire Department and the Niagara Emergency Medical Services for yet another outstanding job, at the annual mock crash on

Bouquet
To the kind gentleman who stopped me at the corner to inform me that I had a flat tire, as I was unaware of this. He also informed me on where to go for quick service. A thank you to the garage that was able to fix my tire in a quick and timely manner. It is greatly appreciated.

Bouquet
To the man who recently hit our dog on the road but was very compassionate and apologetic for it. He even paid our vet bills. All is forgiven.

Brick
To people who just recently started following local issues, but claim to have all the knowledge and answers when it comes to how council should function. You're entitled to an opinion, but try doing your homework before you make all the statements you have made.

Local plant not part of sale

Kris Dubé
The Times

For months, over 200 local employees of Pharmetics, one of Canada's leaders in production of over-the-counter prescription medicine and dietary supplements, have been eagerly waiting for good news about their employment.

Last year, it was made known by management officials that the company was up for sale.

Last week, it was announced that the Laval, Que., based company had been purchased by Monitor Clipper Partners (MCP), but the transaction excludes the local operation, on Jarvis Street.

"Pharmetics is a successful Canadian company with a significant share of the

market. Our number one focus is on quality manufacturing and providing exceptional customer service," said Bill Young, managing partner of MCP.

He said it is the Boston-based independent private equity firm's objective to use its expertise in the health and pharmaceutical industry, along with extensive financial resources, to help Pharmetics continue to grow over the long term, through its product development and innovation.

"We will continue to meet the growing needs of Pharmetics' extensive and highly respected clients, with continued attention to quality products and best in class service," said Young.

John McKee, manager of client services at the Fort Erie location, explained the local plant was left out of the MCP purchase, because its day-to-day operations

are much different than those in Quebec.

In Laval, the focus of work is on private labels and the company actually owns the products.

Whereas in Fort Erie, it is contract business that takes place.

"On the contracting side of the business, we do work for multi-nationals... we don't own the products, we just do the manufacturing work for them," said McKee.

At the moment, he said the company will continue dialogue with others who might want to take over the operations.

"Right now, we do have some interested parties looking at the site," said McKee.

He said focusing on maintaining jobs at the local plant are the focus, as well.

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Skatepark grand opening

The Fort Erie Skatepark is ready to get rolling.

Although it has been used by local extreme

sport enthusiasts for the last few months, a grand opening will take place next Saturday, May 28 at 12 p.m.

Pro BMX rider Mike Wilkinson will be on hand doing demonstrations, accompanied by a variety of community booths.

"It's going to be a great family event to commemorate the opening of our newest recreational facility, and celebrate the efforts and achievements of all who worked so hard the past seven years to achieve the vision of a phenomenal skatepark in Fort Erie," said chair of the skatepark committee, Stephen Pascoe.

The Head Injury Association of Fort Erie will also be in attendance, talking about safety.

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This presentation is free; donations are being accepted for Osteoporosis Niagara Chapter. Seating is limited so contact Judy today to reserve your seat for this event!

Her phone number is (289) 969-0990.



Euchre night for HIAFE

June is brain injury awareness month and the Head Injury Association of Fort Erie (HIAFE) needs the support of the community.

Agencies similar to the HIAFE, all over the province will be engaging communities with public awareness on the prevention of head injury.

Financially, it is always a struggle for the local agency and events like an upcoming euchre night are what keep them going.

The cards will be dealt at the Black Creek Community Centre Saturday May 28, with registration at 6:30 p.m.

There is a \$15 entry fee and there will also be raffles, door prizes and refreshments.

For more information, contact the HIAFE at (905) 871-7739.

Anti-bullying song



Madison and Sydney Bolton are just two of over 150 people that attended a premiere of Spencer MacKenzie's music video called "Writing a Song." The event was to raise money and create awareness for the Stop A Bully Foundation held at The Boutique Movie Theater in Ridgeway, last Saturday. Spencer would like to thank everyone who generously donated to the cause. In two hours, 600 dollars was raised for this charity. Also in the picture is the director-producer of the video Louis Philippe Baraby, left and Spencer MacKenzie.

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Dated this 4th day of May, 2011.

Lorraine Elizabeth Holman, Estate Trustee
Estate of Joan Kathleen Bonifant
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In the estate of Margaret Jesse Broderick late of the Town of Fort Erie, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE ESTATE OF PETER (PETRO) SERKIS

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Dated the 7th day of May, 2011.

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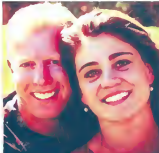
Births

Kormos - Kevin and Karln (Jenkins) are thrilled to announce the birth of their baby girl, Charlotte Suzanne, born May 2, 2011 at McMaster Hospital. Proud 1st time grandparents are Michael and Donna Kormos of Fort Erie, Sylvia Jenkins of Niagara Falls, and Rob and Nancy Jenkins of Ridgeway. Thanks to Dr. Sciarra, Dr. Chen, the medical team and nursing staff.

Deaths

JOYCE, Charles Francis - Charles passed away at the Maple Park Lodge on Sunday May 15, 2011 in his 90th year. Beloved husband of the late Catherine. Proud father of Heather (John) McGuiness, Bonnie (Jim) Valliquette and Louis (Sally) Joyce. Cherished grandfather of Bryan McGuiness, Shaun (Tim) Roberts, Kevin McGuiness, Andrew Valliquette, Steven Valliquette, Nicole Joyce and Brittany Joyce. Great grandfather of Acalade Ribicar. Sadly missed by his brother Lone (Betty) Joyce and sister in law Estle Joyce, his extended family and many friends. Predeceased by his brothers Sam and Edwin. Charlie served with the Royal Canadian Navy during WWII and later worked for 35 years with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

Marriages



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The parents of Duane Passero (Laurie) Spencer, Fort Erie, Herb & Penny Passero, Fort Erie and Sarah Lovelace (Sandra) Lovelace, Dundas, Robert Lovelace, Owen Sound are proud and happy to announce their marriage in New York City on May 15, 2011.

BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family received friends on Tuesday evening from 7-9. Funeral Services were held in the Benner Funeral Chapel on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock Interment in McAffee Cemetery. If so desired, donations to the Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

Thank You Cards

Thank You!

On behalf of the McGuire family, we would like to thank all the businesses that donated and all the people who helped out for the **BENEFIT FOR KURTIS MCGUIRE**. Without your help it wouldn't have been as great as it was. Special thank you to Amber Reigins for your generous donation.

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TIPLER, Thomas Frederick "Tommy" - On Thursday May 19th, 2011, Tommy peacefully passed away at his home, with his family by his side, at the age of 91 years. Beloved husband of Orma, for 69 years. Cherished father of Sandi Leavay, Pat (Walt) Henning and Philip (Elizabeth Mouton). Dear parent of Brandt, Brenda, Janine, Danielle, Jason, Julie and Emma. Great Grandpa of Brittany, Tiffany, Savannah, Sebastian, Eliane and Owen. Predeceased by brother Jack and sisters Dorie and Babs. Friends may call at **WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME**, 722 Ridge Road N., Ridgeway on Sunday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. A service of celebration will be held on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Williams Chapel. Cremation will follow. Donations in his memory may be made to The Heart & Stroke Foundation, The Canadian Diabetes Association or to The Salvation Army. On-line guest register at www.williamsfuneralhome.ca.

Memorial services

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We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to family and friends for their many acts of kindness - prayers, flowers, meals, messages of encouragement/sympathy, visits to the funeral home and monetary donations. We want to thank our dedicated nurse Elizabeth, Doctor's Scher, Cavanah, Caweno and the staff of the Jarvisvink clinic and St. Joseph's hospital. Words cannot express our love for all of our nurses including Margaret, Allison, Lori and Rhonda who gave our family the gift of John passing away peacefully at home.

Thank you to the three amigos, pastors Mike Anderson, Brian Lofthouse and Gord Gilmore for their words of comfort and for the service of celebration that honoured the life of their friend and colleague.

After the service, Grace U.C. Church, Wetland BIC Church, Port BIC Church and Falls View BIC Church, all had a wonderful luncheon which was appreciated by those in attendance.

Last, but not least, we are so grateful to Dagen Palmer of the staff of Benner Funeral Home for their professionalism, compassion and care for our family during a very difficult time. They honoured our requests and gave us guidance when we were at a loss.

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Each of you are a blessing to our family!
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In memoriam

ERMA CARVER

In loving memory of a dear mother, grandfather and great-grandmother who passed away May 25, 2003. In our hearts your memory lingers, Sweetly tender, fond and true, There is not a day, dear mother, That we do not think of you. Forever loved by Ron and Michele, Jerry and Jo, Bob and Dorothy, Linda and Don, Frank and Donna, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. XXXO

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In memoriam

PATRICK BRADY

In loving memory of a husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather who passed away May 24, 1989. God took him home. It was his will. But in our hearts we love him still. His memory is as dear today As in the hour he passed away. Forever loved by wife Ellen, daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. XXXO



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